

**Job Title:**

Agricultural Technician

**Compensation:**

\$11.55 per hour, non-benefitted, 29 hours per week

**Location:**

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

350 N Redwood Road

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6500

**Job Description**

The UDAF Insect Program detects and monitors insect pests that are agriculturally significant. The program is seeking a lab technician who will sort through insect traps in order to assess and record target species. The employee will identify insects using taxonomic keys and a reference collection. Additionally, the employee will assist with lab diagnostics of honey bee pests and pathogens. The technician may be asked to perform occasional field work such as placing and servicing insect traps in various locations along the Wasatch front. Employer is willing to accommodate a school schedule.

**Example of Duties**

Identify target insect pests, curate reference collection, perform data entry, assist with pathogen analysis, answering phone calls and occasional field work.

**Qualifications**

High school diploma

Interest in entomology or biology generally

Willingness to learn insect anatomy and taxa

Adherence to laboratory standards and protocols

Understanding of basic ecological and biological principles

Strong oral and written communication skills

**Preferred qualifications**

Some college-level biology coursework

**Supplemental Information**

Laboratory work will require strict attention to detail and a high level of organization. The employee will be working with chemicals that are typically considered nonhazardous. However, the employee may be subjected to strong and unpleasant odors, such as dead insects.

Field work may require physical exertion such as walking over rough surfaces, bending, reaching, crouching and lifting moderately heavy items in a recurring manner for long periods of time.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to [kwatson@utah.gov](mailto:kwatson@utah.gov)